



DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT FOR SELF RELIANCE



Public Service Announcement

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**TANF Recipients to Apply for School Clothing Assistance
Beginning June 3rd**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Department for Self Reliance's (DSR), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program will begin verifying school attendance for eligibility for school clothing and supplies for school age children in the TANF program. TANF customers should bring in their child's report cards at the end of the school year to verify attendance.

DSR will no longer issue *School Clothing Vouchers*. Instead, funds will be deposited into an eligible customer's Wells Fargo PayCard or a check will be issued to the Head of Household (HOH). The School Clothing payments will be made in July and August 2014, and only one payment per family will be made for the entire year.

After purchases are made, receipts must be returned to your senior caseworker for verification purposes. If DSR does not receive receipts, customers will have to reimburse DSR for the amount of the school clothing and supplies payment and will not be eligible for school clothing and supply assistance until the DSR is reimbursed in full. If you are a TANF customer who is in reimbursement status, please contact, Floretta Tom, DSR Collection Officer at 928-810-8553 or toll free at 1 (866) 347-2403 to settle your account.

All DSR eligibility criteria still apply. To apply for TANF, applicants must have a minor child deprived of financial support and care due to the continued absence, disability, or death of a legal parent; or in Two-Parent Families, a minor child deprived of financial support and care due to the unemployment/ underemployment of both legal parents. TANF applicants must reside in the Service Delivery Area and meet other financial, non-financial and supplemental eligibility criteria. HOH is required to submit to a background check. HOH must also apply for child support, unless excluded. All school-aged children must be enrolled in and attending school.

TANF customers should call their local DSR office if they have any questions. Chinle, AZ: (866) 700-5175; Crownpoint, NM: (866) 784-1694; Fort Defiance, AZ: (866) 860-9549; Greasewood, AZ: (928) 654-3910; Gallup, NM: (866) 704-6940; Kayenta, AZ: (928) 697-5660; Montezuma Creek, UT: (435) 651-3535; Shiprock, NM: (866) 309-0346; Tuba City, AZ: (866) 731-7015; or call Support Services at (866) 347-2403.

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